

May 1, 2006

Honorable Joseph C. Spero Judge of the U.S. District Court Northern District 450 Golden Gate Avenue San Francisco, CA 94102-3489

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Re: Rasheed v. Purlantov, Case No. C 06-004232 JCS

Dear Judge Spero:

I represent plaintiff in the above-referenced matter. A Case Management Conference had been scheduled for Friday, May 5, 2006 at 1:30 p.m. I received notice this afternoon that the conference has been rescheduled to 9:30 a.m.

I have a pre-existing hearing scheduled in Martinez at 8:30 a.m. and I would not be able to appear in person in your Court at 9:30, but I could arrange to be available by telephone. I would very much appreciate it if you would allow me to appear at the Case Management Conference by phone.

Please note, also, that we have only just served Defendant within the last few days, and he has not appeared yet. As such, the substance of the CMC may be somewhat limited in any case.

Thank you for your consideration. Should you allow me to appear by phone, the number is (510) 237-6916.

Very truly yours,

/S/ Leonard H. Watkins

Dated: May 3, 2006

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